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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RICKY and KATHY ORR of Washington, Indiana were sentenced late Friday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young, following their guilty pleas to bank fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The couple pled guilty to a check kite scheme in which they obtained \$27,040.66 in fraudulent bank transactions. Mr. Orr was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison and Mrs. Orr received a 1 day sentence followed by 6 months of electronic monitored home detention. The Orrs kited by floating checks between accounts at Fifth Third Bank and First Federal

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Savings Bank in Evansville, Indiana, Old National Bank in Washington, Indiana, and Union Planters Bank in Vincennes, Indiana. They opened checking accounts at these four banks and deposited checks drawn on this group of accounts so it appeared that there were sufficient funds to honor the deposits. Once the deposits were accepted, the Orrs were able to withdraw funds based on the false balances.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Winfield D. Ong, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also sentenced both Orrs to an additional 5 years of supervised release following their imprisonment and detention. They were also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$27,040.66.

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